

Birth Family Involvement Workgroup
Out-of-Home Care Committee
Wisconsin Program Enhancement Plan
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Outcome/Systemic Factor	Performance item	Action Step	Benchmark	Strategy	Person Responsible	Discussion
Permanency Outcome 2	(#12) Placement with Siblings	(E) Maintain and support family connections by updating and implementing policies on sibling placement.	(E.1.a.) Issue policy on efforts to place siblings together	1. Locate the "sibling curriculum" 2. Issue policy on efforts to keep siblings together.	Don Gjestfield	1. Focus on what's best for the children. 2. Look at blood ties and familial ties of the children. 3. Consider that it's best practice to place sibs together but develop criteria on when it may not be appropriate.
Permanency Outcome 2	(#13 Visiting with parents and siblings; #14 Preserving connections)	(F) Maintain/support family connections for children in OOH care by clarifying policies on family participation in case planning, visitation and establishing paternity.	(F.1.b.) Revise ongoing standards to promote family participation in developing the case plan.	1. Obtain copy of ongoing standards	Cathy Connolly	
			(F.2) Develop and implement statewide identification and notification procedures to ensure compliance with ICWA.			
Permanency Outcome 2	(#15 Use of relatives for placement)	(H) Maintain and support family connections for children in OOH care by searching for relatives as possible child placements.	(H.1.) Enhance efforts to identify, locate and engage family members.			
			(H.2.) Identify information shared with relatives to allow them to make an informed decision on caring for a minor relative.	Provide sub-committee with the following BMCW information: BMCW placement packet, Unable to locate procedure, Relative locator procedure.	Martha Johnson	

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Well-being 1	(#17 Needs and services of child, parents and foster parents. #18 Child and family involvement in case planning. #20 Worker visits with parents)	(J) Ensure that ongoing standards effectively and appropriately guide workers in assessing and responding to needs of children, parents and foster parents.	(J.1.a) Revise standards re: family assessment			
			(J.4) Parent face-to-face contact standard			
		(N) Make family involvement in CW case planning a centerpiece of CH. HFS 44 that governs practice and policy for children in OOH care.	(N.1) Identify family involvement issues for inclusion in CH. HFS 44	1. Obtain copy of CH. HFS 44	Cathy Connolly	